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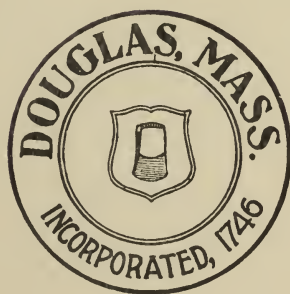
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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

Monday, March 21, 1910.

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday the 21st day of March, current at seven o'clock, in the forenoon; then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, six constables, a tax collector, an agent of Divide of Moses Wallis, ten highway surveyors, one for each district, a tree warden, an auditor, all for a term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for a term of three years, and to vote Yes or No on the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the ensuing year be granted."

ARTICLE 2. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, for exterminating brown tail and gypsy moths, and for other contingent expenses of the town the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and townways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

ART. 6. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to establish a hose and fire company, and raise and appropriate money for maintenance thereof to be expended under the direction of the fire engineers.

ART. 9. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Douglas Electric Co. for street lighting the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under the provisions of chapter 25, sect. 15, of the revised laws.

ART. 13. To see what salary the town will pay its tax collector the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

ART. 16. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing side walks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred dollars for a band for Memorial Day.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used on the highways under the supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to reimburse to the Treasurer of Evergreen Cemetery the sum of twenty-five dollars, the amount paid for a marker for Dr. Wood.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to install and sustain a sufficient number of electric lights along the highway, beginning at Depot street extending by the residence of J. B. Pine to connect with the lights already installed on Franklin street.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to direct the selectmen to locate five or more electric lights on North street, from end of present lights to Sutton line.

ART. 24. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for hydrants for fire protection the ensuing year.

The polls may close at two o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, ten days, at least before the time for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

W. R. WALLIS,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen.

For the fiscal year ending March 1, 1910, the Selectmen have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$53,531.98, of which \$32,227.49 was for the water works, leaving \$21,304.49 drawn for town expenses as follows:

Schools	\$8,161	81
Four school notes.....	4,165	81
Highways	1,521	71
Snow roads.	336	71
State aid	876	00
Soldiers and widows relief	123	57
Support of poor farm	1,474	45
Stone road.	31	75
Street lighting.....	1,290	42
Cattle inspection.....	51	75
Meat inspection	40	10
Fire company	330	50
Tree warden	210	24
Assessors	343	58
Brown tail moths	84	30
Forest fires	27	22
G. A. R. Post	150	00
Sidewalks.....	73	83
Salaries of town officers.....	400	00
Town Clerk.....	101	00
Registrars	55	00
Election expenses	86	00
Library	281	50
Contagious diseases	63	00
Band, Memorial day.....	75	00
Care town clock	25	00
Board of Health	20	00
Miscellaneous	874	64
	<hr/>	\$21,304 49

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rebinding books	\$14 25
Printing	139 25
Watching fire	20 40
Care of hose	1 50
Rose LaChappelle abatement	7 65
Janitor town hall and engine hall 2 years.	79 00
Sealing weights	1 66
License blanks	2 75
Wm. F. Hall, auditor	39 25
Repair snow plow	5 00
Refreshments, band	6 25
Insurance	42 15
Returning births	10 25
" deaths	10 50
E. E. Carpenter, stamps, collector	19 36
Salary, collector	150 00
Collector's books	2 25
Watch at lock-up	4 00
Officers July 4th	5 00
Counsel, Holbrook case	183 70
Expense, Aldrich case	60 15
Deer damage	24 00
Stamped envelopes	2 00
Dog officer	5 00
Cleaning gutter	1 50
Mowing cemetery	12 00
Care of watering trough	5 00
Repair engine and crusher	16 65
Kindling, town hall	1 00
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	\$874 64

STATE AID.

Wellington Balcome	\$ 66 00
Mrs. Charles H. Barton	48 00
Mrs. Elmer H. Balcome	24 00
Horace Belding	48 00
Mrs. William H. Cook	48 00
Charles E. Green	60 00
Christopher Gazette	72 00
Mrs. William H. Marshall	48 00

John P. Otis	\$36 00	
Joseph Quinn	48 00	
Chandler Titus	48 00	
Mrs. Leander Thompson	48 00	
Charles A. Whipple	48 00	
Mrs. Dorris B. Young	48 00	
Dorris B. Young	48 00	
Mrs. Elisha McKenney	48 00	
Mrs. Charles A. Whipple	40 00	
Joseph T. Arnold	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$876 00

W. R. WALLIS,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Treasurer.

1909		CR.
Apr. 5	Charles Larbree, court money	\$27 54
5	E. P. Heath, " "	42 64
5	Selectmen's orders, 642 to 664	1,709 12
May 3	Selectmen's orders 665 to 682	2,001 64
	Poor, Henry D. Mowry money returned by state	111 36
June 7	Selectmen's orders 683 to 694	1,569 09
1	State treasurer, one-quarter liquor license . .	1,000 25
	Henry D. Mowry, overseer, money returned by state	32 75
18	Library order, C. J. Batcheller 112	114 21
July 3	E. P. Heath, money returned by court	5 40
	J. B. Howard " " " "	11 00
	Herbert Hughes " " " "	22 14
3	E. P. Heath, collector abatements	49 90
3	Selectmen's orders 695 to 701	1,147 21
Aug 19	E. P. Heath, collector 1908 tax abatements . .	4 00
29	E. P. Heath, " 1908 error in discounts . . .	53 70
2	Selectmen's orders 702 to 717	2,315 78
Oct 1	Expense collecting check	10
1	James Fisher, court money	3 50
	Bert Hughes, " "	16 10
	Joseph Foster, " "	13 39
	J. B. Howard, " "	9 44
	E. P. Heath, " "	34 82
	Willie Manahan, "	18 47

Oct. 7	Selectmen's orders 718 to 730.....	\$2,041 14
	Edward A. Brown one-half County tax	662 00
Nov. 1	Selectmen's orders 731 to 742.....	10,415 34
16	State treas., state tax	1,665 00
	“ “ repair state highway.....	106 25
Dec. 6	Selectmen's orders 743 to 762	14,894 30
7	Edward A Brown, balance county tax.	662 00

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Jan. 1	E. P. Heath court money	\$ 52 08
3	Selectmen's orders 763 to 782	1,904 29
	Poor acct. H. D. Mowry, money returned by state	41 00
	Poor acct. H. D. Mowry, money returned from Lowell	14 53
Feb. 7	Selectmen's orders 783 to 805	1,644 20
28	Selectmen's order 797 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 05
	Selectmen's orders 806 to 818	1,554 27
	Selectmens orders 819 to 833	474 03
	Library order 114	112 20
	E. P. Heath, discount taxes.....	293 58
	“ town tax.....	21 38
	“ abatements	134 41
	Selectmen's order 834	50 00
	By error in Selectmen's order 735	40 00
	By cash March 1, 1910, in hands of treas. and in bank.....	8,740 48
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		\$55,852 08
Showing an over run in cash of		63 24
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		\$ 55,788 84

1909.

DR.

Mar. 1	Cash on hand	\$5,460 78
1	Interest for February.....	8 39
10	State Treas. support sick paupers.....	2 00
Apr. 1	Interest for March	8 27
	James Meehan, rent town hall	3 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice, court money	42 56
5	Auctioneer	
	Peddler's license, H. Stoughton Hewett No. 152 expires April 2, 1910	8 00

Apr. 7	Frank Prince, special county license No. 110, expires April 7, 1910.....	\$ 4 00
5	E. P. Heath, collector taxes No. 17, 1908 taxes.....	276 00
20	Poor, city of Fall River pauper case.....	109 36
21	Amos Goodness, 3 pool and 1 billiard table.....	20 00
23	School tuition, Cobb pupil from Sutton ...	7 00
30	Joseph Labelle & Co., 1st and 4th class license	2,000 00
	Joseph Derham 1st and 4th class license. . .	2,000 00
May 1	Interest for April.....	7 16
3	E. P. Heath, auctioneer license	2 00
	Frank Bowen, undertaker.....	1 00
7	Ruben Brown, two pool tables	10 00
	Napoleon Bonville, one pool table.....	5 00
8	H. C. Holden, druggist license.....	1 00
10	Nathan Severson, pedler's license No. 274, expires May 10, 1910.....	8 00
17	School tuition, Leonard pupil from Sutton..	7 00
20	Auctioneer's license, W. H. Herendeen....	2 00
31	Interest for May.....	8 50
June 1	State treasurer sick paupers.....	\$17 75
	transportation paupers	3 60
	burial pauper	15 00
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		36 35
	7 Junk peddler's license, one-half payment. .	10 00
July 1	Interest for June.....	6 48
	Junk peddler on account 1-4 payment.....	5 00
	A. A. Putnam, court money.....	67 55
3	E. P. Heath, coll. 18, 1908 taxes \$157 59	
	Abatements 49 90	
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		207 49
8	City of Boston, school department.....	18 00
	Rent town hall, moving picture.....	3 65
21	E. P. Heath, collector, 1909 taxes No. 1....	2,160 00
27	" " " " 2	900 00
28	State treas., trans. paupers	\$1 80
	inspection animals.....	24 87
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		26 67
	E. P. Heath, collector, 1909 taxes No. 3 ..	3,125 00
3	" " " " 4	1,133 00
Aug. 2	" " " " 5.....	4,861 00
3	" " " " 6	1,300 00
	Interest for July.....	3 53
5	Butcher's license, T. J. Murphy	1 00

Aug. 19	E. P. Heath, coll. 1908 taxes No.19	\$44 89	
	Abatements	4 00	
	By error in discount	53 70	
	This is in full taxes 1908.		\$ 146 59
19	E. P. Heath, collector 1909 taxes No. 7	503 00	
Sept. 1	Interest for August	18 60	
	E. P. Heath collector No. 8	100 00	
	Rent town hall, Al. Martz Show	5 00	
11	E. P. Heath collector No. 9	500 00	
Oct. 1	A. A. Putnam, Justice, court money.	105 36	
	Interest for September	23 21	
6	E. P. Heath, collector No.10	785 06	
11	Peddler's license, Kaiser Ostaphen No. 636 expires Oct. 11, 1909.	8 00	
15	Peddler's license. Tharat Farres No. 642 expires Oct. 12,	8 00	
18	E. P. Heath, collector No 11 taxes 1909. . .	450 13	
31	E. P. Heath, collector No 12 taxes 1909. . .	600 00	
	Interest for October	17 38	
Nov. 1	Forest fires received of W. L. Church. . . .	8 00	
	Junk peddler's balance due on licenses . . .	5 00	
6	E. P. Heath, collector No. 13 taxes 1909. . .	500 00	
16	State treas., corporation tax	1,906 61	
	National bank tax.	214 40	
	State aid	863 00	
	transportation paupers	1 80	
	Burial indigent soldier	37 00	
	High school tuition special case	500 00	
24	Peddler's license, A. A. Foeqley No. 703, expires Nov. 23	8 00	
Dec. 1	Peddler's license. Eli Forzley No. 408, ex- pires June 15, 1910	8 00	
	Interest for November	4 94	
4	Water works loan. deposited check, special. .	15,000 00	
6	E. P. Heath collector No. 14.	500 00	
	L. S. Aldrich, check for town's share of mon- ey returned by state for support of school supt.	500 00	
	Homer Mucier, 1 pool table	5 00	
13	School tuition, Cobb pupil, Sutton	7 00	
	" " Leonard pupil. "	7 00	
14	" " Couillard pupil, "	7 00	
31	Interest for December	5 29	
	Dog fund, Ed. G. Brown, treas.	231 20	
	A. A. Putnam, Justice, court money.	30 04	

1910		
Jan. 3	E. P. Heath, collector No. 15	\$ 275 00
15	Poor account, City of Lowell	14 53
4	Water works, this payment with interest closes account with town water works. Money now on (special deposit) ...	5,340 56
	Interest	76 27
26	State treas., income Mass. school fund	883 35
	State treas., support sick paupers.	3 00
	State treas., temporary aid	38 00
Feb. 1	Interest for January	11 90
5	E. P. Heath, collector No. 16	530 00
7	Sale of wagon at town farm	8 00
	Highways order No. 723 O. S. Sleeper returned	2 00
9	State treas. check sent Wm. Wright, deer damage	8 00
	State treas. check sent Chandler Titus, deer damage	8 00
10	James Meehan, rent town hall, 5 nights	15 00
28	Will Balcome, sale of cemetery lot	14 00
	Town of Sutton, Maria Humes case	16 03
	E. P. Heath, collector No. 17 ..	\$464 00
	Discount to Nov. 1.	293 58
	Inhabitants tax	21 38
	Abatements	134 41
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		913 37
Interest on deposit for Feb.		17 07
Water works to balance account ...		129 41
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		\$ 55,788 84

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1910	\$8,740 48
Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896	20 31
“ “ “ 1897	145 67
“ “ “ 1899.....	229 90
“ “ “ 1900.....	254 22
“ “ “ 1901.....	95 07
“ E. P. Heath “ 1909	757 77
“ State for state aid	876 00
“ E. P. Heath, collector 1907, taxes of B. F. Aldrich. Case now in court	396 70
“ Foresters, rent town hall	60 00
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	\$11,576 12

In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	\$99 56
In trust, Sarah E. Scott Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	51 00
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	\$150 56

The town this year has paid the four schoolhouse notes amounting to \$4000.00, and you have on hand in the bank, March 1st, \$8,740.48. Below is the debt for the past ten years, also amounts showing how much your treasurer had each year. The town has received \$216.99 interest on money in bank, while a few years ago the interest was against the town. Year ending March 1, 1904, we paid \$847.93 interest; this did not include set interest on schoolhouse notes.

March 1, 1901, town debt, \$25,173 58	Cash on hand,	\$643 12
" 1902, " " 22,430 42	" " "	959 05
" 1903, " " 19,940 00	" " "	2,697 98
" 1904, " " 14,800 00	" " "	1,733 74
" 1905, " " 13,812 00	" " "	1,827 07
" 1906, " " 12,000 00	" " "	6,154 38
" 1907, " " 6,000 00	" " "	6,365 14
" 1908, " " 5,000 00	" " "	5,946 30
" 1909, " " 4,000 00	" " "	5,460 78
" 1910, " " "	" " "	8,740 48

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, *Town Treasurer.*

Office of WILLIAM FRANKLIN HALL, Accountant,

Exchange Building, Boston, Mass., March 1, 1910.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen Town of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN:

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for the year ending February 28, 1910,

and find them to be in good condition. The taxes are well paid up and accounted for to the Treasurer.

The cash was verified on March 1st and found to be as follows :

On deposit in National Shawmut Bank of Boston, as per their statement	\$9,100 94
Less: Checks outstanding not yet cashed by bank . .	797 24
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	\$8,303 70
Checks in hands of Treasurer	336 56
Cash on hand	100 22
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Total cash on hand and in bank	\$8,740 48
Amount required by cash book	8,677 24
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	\$63 24

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, *Auditor.*

Per A. T. Byrnes.

Report of Water Works Committee.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

RECEIPTS.

1909.

Dec.	15.	To received from Adams & Co., for forty \$1,000 bonds, at \$1.0453	\$41,812 00	
		Adams & Co., accrued interest, 5 mos., 15 days, at 4%	733 33	
Mar.	1.	Interest on deposit, City Trust Co.,	83 93	
Total receipts				\$42,629 26

EXPENDITURES.

1909

ENGINEERING.

June	1.	By paid preliminary survey :— Parker, Bateman & Chase, engineers,	\$141 32	
		William Scribner, assistance	18 15	
		J. T. Derham, board of engineers	34 50	
				\$193 97
Aug.	2.	By paid Parker, Bateman & Chase,	\$193 53	
Nov.	3.	Parker, Bateman & Chase,	410 35	
Dec.	24.	William Scribner, assistance	9 60	

1910.

Feb. 8.	Parker, Bateman & Chase, . . .	\$ 664 79	
	J. T. Derham, board of engin'rs	24 75	
		<hr/>	\$1,303 02

REAL ESTATE.

1909.

Oct. 1.	By paid Mrs. Lafayette Taft, land for reservoir,	\$50 00	
	W. R. Wallis, land for pumping station	367 50	
		<hr/>	\$417 50

HYDRANTS, VALVES, GATES AND GATE BOXES.

1909.

Dec. 6.	By paid Ludlow Valve Co., hy- drants and valves,	\$1,626 31	
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1910.

Jan. 1.	Bingham & Taylor, gate boxes. .	126 53	
	Ludlow Valve Co., hydrants and valves,	206 45	
		<hr/>	\$1,959 29

PIPE FOR STREET MAINS.

1909,

Oct. 1.	By paid freight on pipe,	\$433 08	
Nov. 3.	Chas. Miller & Son, pipe	3,581 92	
	Freight on pipe	728 49	
Dec. 6.	Chas. Miller & Son, pipe	2,000 00	
10.	" " " "	5,000 00	
1910.	Fuller Iron Works, specials . . .	103 83	
Jan. 1.	Chas. Miller & Son, pipe	3,234 60	
	Freight on pipe	580 38	
	Fuller Iron Works, specials . . .	119 92	
Feb. 8.	" " " "	4 44	
		<hr/>	\$15,786 66

PIPE LAYING.

1909.

Dec. 6.	By paid J. Morrell, laying pipe.	\$2,819 88	
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1910.

Jan. 1.	" " pipe laying, special	11 61	
Feb. 8.	" " " "	1,187 23	
12.	" " extra lead and labor	64 86	
		<hr/>	\$4,083 58

WELLS.

Aug. 2.	By paid B. S. Smith & Co., test wells	\$143 50	
	J. T. Derham, board	11 75	
Oct. 1.	B. S. Smith & Co., test wells	108 14	
30.	Geo. A. Waugh & Son, driving nine wells	290 96	
	Geo. A. Waugh & Son, seven days pumping test	75 00	
		<hr/>	\$629 35

RESERVOIR.

1909.			
Oct. 16.	By paid pay roll at reservoir	\$102 75	
23.	Pay roll at reservoir	85 40	
30.	" "	90 58	
Nov. 6.	" "	64 44	
13.	" "	54 11	
Dec. 1.	Conn. Trap Rock Co., crushed stone	34 24	
	6. Eastern Concrete Construction Co.	1,530 00	
1910.			
Jan. 1.	" " " "	2,020 00	
	J. Morrell, labor at reservoir	106 78	
	" " " "	52 10	
	8. Perrin, Seaman & Co., gravel screens	11 12	
12.	J. Morrell, extra labor at reservoir	80 31	
28.	E. N. Jenckes, barrels, salt, etc.	7 00	
	W. R. Wallis, supplies at reservoir	52 46	
	" " men and teams at "	135 74	
	W. L. Jillson, labor	94 25	
		<hr/>	\$4,521 28

PUMPING STATION.

1909.		
Dec. 11.	By paid pay roll at pumping station	\$56 00
18.	Pay roll at pumping station	48 82
24.	" " " "	22 74
1910.		
Jan. 1.	Hydrate of lime	5 00
	Pay roll at pumping station	22 08
8.	" " " "	19 04

Jan. 15.	Pay roll at pumping station	\$26 44	
22.	" " " "	30 32	
29.	" " " "	14 80	
Feb. 8.	Smith & Thayer, lead connections	37 50	
	B. A. Stockwell, carpenter work.	109 25	
	G. A. Gleason, bolts, etc.,	5 00	
	E. A. Gove, brick laying	36 27	
12.	Pay roll at pumping station	18 68	
	J. Morrell, extra labor	168 54	
28.	John A. Gilbert, brick laying . . .	176 95	
	Geo. A. Waugh & Son, connect-		
	ing wells with pumping station,		
	and pipe and fittings	158 84	
	W. R. Wallis, stock for station . .	985 42	
	" " teams and labor	149 91	
	Ambrose Newell, step, cap, date		
	stone and labor	59 90	
	W. L. Jillson, labor at pumping		
	station	121 78	
	Frank E. Jones, coal	3 75	
		<hr/>	\$2,277 03

ELECTRIC MOTORS.

1910.

Jan. 1.	By paid General Electric Co.,		
	2-h. p. motor	\$ 56 70	
	Gen'l Electric Co., 15-h. p. motor	312 30	
8.	" " " 35-h. p. motor.	424 80	
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INTEREST ON BONDS.

1910.

Jan. 1.	By paid six months interest on bonds,	\$800 00
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1909.

Nov. 6.	By paid Batcheller and Wallis,		
	expenses inspecting out of town		
	water works, express and telep.	\$23 75	
Dec. 24.	City Trust Co., interest on money		
	advanced on bonds	20 00	

1910.

Jan. 1.	Int. paid to Town of Douglas for		
	use money before sale of bonds	76 27	

Jan. 8.	City Trust Co., engraving, printing and selling bonds.	\$160 00	
Feb. 28.	Set of books for Commissioner's accounts.	5 70	
	Edw. F. Hughes, cement lined pipe.	5 37	
	H. Mueller Mfg. Co., tapping machine.	61 80	
	Freight on specials, rock, hydrants, valves and sundries.	121 45	
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			\$474 34
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			\$33,239 82
• Mar. 1.	Balance on deposit at City Trust Co..	9,389 44	
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			\$42,629 26

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts.	\$42,629 26
Paid engineering.	\$1,303 02
Real estate.	417 50
Hydrants, valves, gates and gate boxes	1959 29
Pipe for street mains.	15,786 66
Pipe laying.	4,083 58
Wells.	629 35
Reservoir.	4,521 28
Pumping station.	2,277 03
Electric motors.	793 80
Miscellaneous expenses.	474 34
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Total payments for construction.	\$32,245 85
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Balance remaining for construction.	\$10,383 41
Paid for preliminary survey.	\$193 97
Six months interest on bonds,	800 00
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	\$993 97
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Balance on deposit at City Trust Co..	\$9,389 44

The town voted to issue bonds to an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of construction of a water system, as outlined in the accepted report of the committee appointed to investigate the whole question. It will be seen from the foregoing

report of "Receipts and Expenditures," that your committee have issued but \$40,000.00. The strong financial condition of the town, being entirely free from debt, was evident in the ready sale and high price obtained for these 4% bonds, they netting in premiums \$1,812.00. From the total amount received from bonds and premium, your committee hope to be able, (or nearly so) to complete the system according to the original plans.

It has been the aim of your committee to construct a thoroughly good plant in each and every respect, and everything entering into the construction has been of the best and most lasting quality, insuring the up-keep of the plant to be of small cost.

The reservoir on Taft's hill, holding 200,000 gallons, is of cement, reinforced with steel rods, and is supposed to be good for all time, increasing in hardness and strength year by year. The elevation is sufficient to give excellent pressure for fire protection throughout the entire district.

The brick pumping station also contains storage and work rooms.

The seven days continued pumping test last October, in one of the dryest periods we have experienced for years, proved conclusively that we have an abundance of water, and the daily analysis of the same by the State Board of Health showed it to be of most excellent quality.

Fully one-half of the pipe mains are already under ground, and work will soon commence on the remainder, and be rushed to completion. The pumps and electric motors are on their way here from the factory, and the materials for house connections are to be delivered April 1st.

By use of the Hayward Mill pumps the reservoir was filled in December, and thus fire protection given to the business section of the village.

In conclusion, your committee feel East Douglas is to have a water works system adequate in every respect, both for domestic and fire purposes, and the cost of construction is to come well within their estimate.

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS COMMITTEE.

By Chas. J. Batcheller, Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1909.

BIRTHS

Whole number	45
Number of males	23
Number of females	22
	— 45
American parentage	17
Foreign parentage	19
Mixed	9
	— 45

MARRIAGES

Whole number	23
American birth	24
Foreign birth	22
Residents of Douglas	37
Elsewhere	8
First marriage	42
Second marriage	3
Third marriage	1

DEATHS

Whole number	49
Males	28
Females	21
	— 49

American birth	33
Foreign birth	16
	— 49
Number under 1 year	12
Between 1 and 5 years	3
“ 5 and 10 “	1
“ 10 and 20 “	1
“ 20 and 30 “	4
“ 30 and 40 “	4
“ 40 and 50 “	4
“ 50 and 60 “	4
“ 60 and 70 “	6
“ 70 and 80 “	8
“ 80 and 90 “	2
	— 49

DOGS REGISTERED

Whole number	137
Males, 128 at \$2.00	\$256 00
Females, 9 at \$5.00	45 00
	— \$301 00
Less fees, (137 at 20 cts.)	27 40
	— \$273 60
Paid to County Treasurer	

J. B. CHAPDELAINE, JR.,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF Simon Fairfield Public Library

1909.

DR.

Mar. 1	To balance due from town	\$ 14 21
	Balance income Smith fund,	92 76
	Balance income Fairfield fund,	19 01
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		\$125 98

Income for year as follows:—

Dog fund.....	\$231 20
Town appropriation	100 00
Interest on Keith fund, 2 yrs.	16 90
Interest on Smith fund	240 00
Interest on Fairfield fund	175 00
Received from fines	13 29
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Total income.....\$776 39

\$902 37

1909.

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Paid Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	\$260 00
Herbert Hughes, janitor.....	61 00
Douglas Electric Light Co., lighting.....	73 71
Completion of plumbing, Est. J. J. Dunn	31 25
B. A. Stockwell, carpenter work for plumbing...	1 75
Newspapers.	21 00
Magazines.....	30 25

Bookbinding	\$76 09
Cleaning library	6 70
Books	52 54
H. G. Ramsey, tungsten lamps	11 16
Supplies, for librarian.....	6 92
Freight, cartage and express.....	2 31
Frank E. Jones, coal.....	119 00
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	\$753 68

1910.

Mar. 1. Unexpended balances as follows:—

Fairfield fund.....	\$ 28 54	
Smith fund.....	120 15	
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		\$902 37

We can only report the continued prosperity and success of the library and reading room. The income from the dog fund was reduced by \$76.92 this year from the amount received the previous year, which compelled a curtailment in the purchase of books, and is to be regretted. A new supply of books has been ordered and will soon be on the shelves, but payment for this lot will deplete the surplus shown as on hand in the above report.

The ordinary electric lights were replaced with the new tungsten lamps, this winter, which not only effected quite a saving in the cost of lighting the library, but at the same time, produced much higher candle power, lighting the rooms as never before.

The library is being used more and more as a valuable adjunct to our school system.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith.....	\$ 200 00	
James M. Fairfield fund.....	5,000 00	
James Smith fund.....	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,200 00

CHAS. J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1910.

LEVI A. BROWN, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse, as per inventory :

March 1, 1909	\$2,164 74
March 1, 1910	2,545 30
Increase	<u>\$380 56</u>

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows :

1909	DR.			
Mar. 1	Cash on hand	\$17 27	Apr.	1 calf \$ 7 25
	14½ lbs. butter	4 64		1 pie 10
	Potatoes	3 25		1 calf 7 50
	Team	50	May	Butter 14 74
	1 dinner	25		Potatoes 2 00
	Junk	30		Milk 1 65
	Eggs	80		Eggs 86
	1 calf	6 00	June	Butter 15 60
Apr.	Butter	9 26		Potatoes 1 57
	Potatoes	3 33		Milk 2 25
	Team	1 05		Eggs 6 72
	1 dinner	25		Fowls 8 15
	1 liver	25		Beans 20
	425 lbs.pork at 8½	36 12	July	2 dinners 50
				Butter 13 20

July	Milk	\$ 1 13	Mar.	T. J. Murphy	\$ 2 97
	Board	16 00	Apr. 1	Repairing door	35
	Eggs	9 29		Killing hogs	1 00
	Soap	05		1 days labor	1 50
Aug.	Butter	12 20	5	5 lbs coffee	1 00
	Milk	40	12	4 pigs	23 00
	Eggs	3 09	14	Onions	43
Sept.	Butter	18 83	16	2 cans paint	90
	Eggs	3 33		2 pk. soap powder	20
	Corn	35		2 settings of eggs	1 00
	Calf	10 00	17	$\frac{1}{2}$ doz oranges	18
	Calf	8 50		Labor J. Bates	25
	Team	1 00	21	1 pk. spinach	25
	497 lbs.pork at .10	49 70		1 plow point	50
Oct.	Butter	19 29	27	10 chairs	2 50
	Cream	30	28	John Condon	2 66
	Eggs	1 56	28 & 29	labor 18 h.	2 70
	Team	4 00	30	T. J. Murphy	3 17
Nov.	Butter	8 75		1 plow point & corn	1 25
	Eggs	1 73		Freight on creamery	1 58
	Potatoes	1 60		1 box soap	25
	Cream	10	May 4	Coffee	60
	Liver	25		6 days labor	9 00
	263 lbs. pork	26 30	11	Berries	36
	Chickens	4 68	15	5 days labor	7 50
Dec.	Butter	9 45		Corn planter	50
	Fresh Pork "	4 65		Tar	10
	Apples	1 50	19	Berries	32
	Milk	50	22	6 days labor	9 00
1910.			24	1 qt. turpentine	20
Jan. 1	Butter	6 30		1 gal oil	95
	Dinner	25	25	Sprayer	40
	Labor with team	16 00	26	Beans	25
Feb.	Butter	5 60	29	6 days labor	10 25
	Eggs	30		John Condon	3 71
				T. J. Murphy	3 30
		\$412 54	June 1	Berries	15
1909		Cr.	4	Labor	9 25
Mar. 1	Eggs for hatching	1 10	5	Orlan Chase	50
8	Tea	35	9	Labor 2 d 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ h	4 27
18	Dr. Holbrook	50	10	Labor 9 h	1 80
26	1 chair	1 50	19	Labor 4 d	6 00
	Tea	50	22	Dr. Holbrook	50
30	John Condon	4 45		Vanila	20
			24	Orlan Chase	50

Jun 28	1 lb. tea	\$ 45	Oct. 30	John Condon	\$ 4 30
30	Labor 3 days	4 50		T. J. Murphy	4 68
	T. J. Murphy	4 23	Nov. 1	Coffee	1 00
	John Condon	5 91	3	Dr. Andrews, vet	2 00
July 8	Fish	30		Telephone	25
9	Orlan Chase	50	6	Mow'g m'chine sec.	2 35
10	Labor	9 40	9	Repairing wagon	1 25
17	Labor	12 00		Tel., Dr. Andrews	10
19	" F. Parks	15	17	Saw filing	25
20	" F. Eddy	1 30	18	Killing hogs	1 50
21	" Orson Chase	5 50		Fish and oysters	35
24	Dan Dudley	8 30		Bread	25
26	5 lbs. coffee	1 00	26	T. J. Murphy	3 23
31	Gravel 9 loads	45	27	Two pigs	12 00
	John Condon	2 73		Bread	25
	T. J. Murphy	6 62	30	John Condon	5 82
Aug. 10	Repairing		Dec. 1	Killing hogs	1 15
	harness	2 60		Nutmeg	10
31	John Condon	4 68	10	Bread	25
	T. J. Murphy	3 25	13	Coffee	1 00
Sept. 8	5 lbs. coffee & tea	1 35		Tea	35
18	Labor Orson Chase	4 50	15	Shoeing horse	80
21	Grass seed		18	Filing saws	40
	and plow point	3 89	28	John Condon	75
22	Labor	3 00		T. J. Murphy	3 78
28	John Condon	2 54	1910		
29-30	Labor	3 00	Jan.	Plank and boards	2 05
30	Killing hogs	1 00	3	G. Gleason, shoe-	
	T. J. Murphy	3 27		ing horses	1 75
Oct.	Labor one month	23 75	12	Labor, Orson Chase	8 00
2	Paul Manning		15	Labor, A. Chase	7 00
	2 h mowing	2 00	19	D. Dudley, shoeing	
	Fertilizer,			horse	75
	Edgar Parker	12 40		Freight	50
	Funnel	50	31	Dr. Holbrook, J.	
	2 feed baskets	1 50		J. Murry	1 25
8	Neck yoke	35		John Condon	2 75
10 & 13	Dr. Andrews			T. J. Murphy	4 17
	vet.	8 00	Feb. 1	Cement	25
16	Fixing cart	8 63	3	Fish, F. Young	25
	Tea	35		Dr. Holbrook, J.	
23	Cider	4 25		Murry	1 25
26	Orlan Chase	50	8	Coffee	1 00
27	Orlan Chase	50		Tea	35
30	50 lbs. cabbage	38		E. N. Jencks	20 00

Fb. 10	W. Manahan, work		1910	
	on ice	\$ 1 50		
15	J. Condon	3 05	Mar. 1	Cash in hands Su-
24	Harness repaired	70		perintendent \$19 22
25	T. J. Murphy	3 41		
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		\$393 32		

The Overseers have paid the following bills in the almshouse account :

1909.

Apr. 1	Levi A. Brown, salary to April 1	\$87 50
May 8	W. R. Wallis, Creamery	35 25
July 3	Levi A. Brown, salary to July 1	87 50
Sept. 8	Crockett Bros., 1 pair horses	425 00
Oct. 9	Levi A. Brown, salary to Oct. 1	87 50
Dec. 21	1 pair traces	5 50

1910.

Jan. 3	Levi A. Brown, salary to Jan. 1	87 50
Feb. 5	Dan Dudley, shoeing and repairing	8 00
8	E. N. Jenks, cash	50 00
	W. R. Wallis, cash	16 32
28	E. N. Jenks, cash	48 56
	J. W. Wixtead, cash	31 37
	Frank Bowen, repairing furniture	1 50
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		\$971 50

Cr. to 1 pair Horses..... \$100 00

REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE AND BARN.

1909.

July	W. R. Wallis, Cement	\$37 43
8	Keith & Wright, paper and paint.	6 00

1910.

Feb. 14	Frank E. Smith, repairing chimney	1 50
15	W. R. Wallis, eave troughs	3 50
23	B. A. Stockwell, repairs	1 83
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		\$50 26

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report..	\$393 32
Overseers have paid out as per report	871 50
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	\$1,264 82
Superintendent, for labor, produce and board	412 54
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	\$852 28
Increase as per inventory.....	380 56
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Cost of support of poor at almshouse this year	\$471 72
Number of weeks board of poor, 56.	
Cost per week \$8.42	

Inmates at almshouse, March 1, 1910

James J. Murry, age 80; Julia Lambert, 79.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Sylvia Wakefield	\$60 00
Mrs. Margaret Duprey.....	48 00
Mrs. George Casey	56 00
Dennis Murry.....	32 55
Smith Vicars.....	4 00
Charles H. Hilton.....	15 00
William Prince.....	15 05
Mary Murry.....	7 60
Clarence Elliott.....	3 43
Joseph P. Casey.....	10 00
Charles M. Pease.....	6 00
Walter B. Hunt.....	18 57
Herbert Elliott.....	5 71
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	\$281 91
Poor of Fall River, Fred Boucher.....	\$ 3 25
“ “ Louis Normandau family.....	30 33
“ Lowell, Paul Normandau	14 53
“ Dudley, Paul Stocki.....	66 43
Due from Dudley, Paul Stocki.....	16 00
“ Sutton, William H. Mellens.....	3 60
1908 Sutton, William B. Metcalf	5 00
1908 Adams, Agnes Fisher.....	7 50

STATE POOR.

Katy Wajens.....	\$17 75	
Thomas Mathews, burial.....	15 00	
Viginone Dominique.....	38 00	
Arman J. Kinoshian.....	3 00	
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Due from State

Viginone Dominique	\$15 00
Unknown man, burial	15 00
Moses Martin	22 30
Mrs. Aksel Huhtala.....	8 00
Edward C. Suydam.....	9 00
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	\$69 30

LOCK-UP ACCOUNT, 1909.

Apr. 15	Frank Bowen, setting glass	\$ 25	
Sept. 1	W. H. Herendeen, salary March 1 to Sept. 1	12 50	
Oct. 4	W. A. Scribner, 1 pail	50	
1910			
Feb. 25	James W. Wixtead	64	
28	W. H. Herendeen, salary Sept. 1, 1909 to March 1, 1910	12 50	
		<hr/>	\$26 39

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

1909		
Mar. 1	Mike Santon, to State Hospital.	5 60
Apr. 15	Ambrose Noels	35
28	Expense of team.	1 00
May 5	Edward Lougee, aid	50
12	Thomas Mathews	3 50
15	Vignone Dominique, State Hos- pital	5 45
22	Hobbs & Warren, order book ..	4 75
	" " Blank forms..	3 25
	Express	30
June 10	Expense to Boston, Clarence El- liot	4 00

Jun. 30	Expense to Boston, pauper case	\$ 2 45
30	" " Leominster	3 00
Aug. 20	" " Uxbridge	1 00
28	James Holehouse	1 85
Sept. 8	Expense to Worcester	2 40
20	" Webster	2 00
Oct. 1	Paul Manning.	4 00
20	Team	1 75
Nov. 2	Postage stamps.	1 00
Dec. 4	Moses Martin, State Hospital. .	4 20
11	E. P. Heath.	1 50
12	P. Brule, team.	1 75
31	Paper.	20
1910		
Jan. 25	Expense, pauper case	1 20
27	Joseph Chapta, pauper case. . .	4 08
31	Julia Lambert	1 00
Feb. 7	Advertising, N. E. Homestead. .	1 50
23	E. N. Jencks, account book. . . .	2 50
28	F. P. Brady.	16 03
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		\$82 11

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1909.		
Mar.	Cash on hand.	\$ 7 53
	Received from Town Treasurer	1,409 60
	" " State.	75 75
	" " Fall River.	109 36
	" " Lowell	14 53
	" " Dudley.	66 43
	" " W. Rixford.	100 00
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		\$1,783 20

RECAPITULATION

Paid on account of poor at almshouse	\$871 50
Outside poor.	281 81
State poor	73 75
Poor of Fall River.	33 58
Poor of Lowell.	14 53
Poor of Dudley	66 43
Lockup.	26 39
Miscellaneous	82 11

Due from State	\$69 30	
“ “ Dudley	16 00	
“ “ Sutton	3 60	
Repairs at almshouse	50 26	
W. Rixford	100 00	
Cash on hand	93 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,783 20

The Overseers have received for their services :

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
E. T. Rawson	25 00
Paul D. Manning	25 00

HENRY D. MOWRY,	} <i>Overseers</i>
EDWIN T. RAWSON,	
PAUL D. MANNING,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Poor</i>

I have examined the above report of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

CORNELIUS F. McLAREN.

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent
ON THE
Devise of Moses Wallis
TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS
For Year Ending March 1, 1910.

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The Agent has charged himself with the amounts due the town March 1, 1910, as follows :

Notes due the town	\$4,700 00	
Accrued interest on notes.	259 69	
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. and interest	28,109 15	
Cash in hands of Agent	206 12	
		\$33,274 96

1909

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent	\$206 12
6	John Vallier, interest	18 00
12	Joel Glover, "	12 00
24	Maria C. Wood, principal.	100 00
	Maria C. Wood, interest	11 18
Mar. 8	Susan V. Thayer, "	16 00
Sept. 22	Potter M. Bates, "	9 00
Oct. 1	E. M. Southwick, principal ...	100 00
	E. M. Southwick, interest	7 00
Dec. 24	Vesta H. Balcome, "	7 50

1910

Feb. 6	Salina Casey, interest,.....	\$30 00	
18	E. M. Southwick, ".....	24 72	
18	David and Amos Lunn.....	30 00	
25	Frank Duval.	30 00	
26	Joel Glover	12 00	
28	Charles F. Rawson... ..	12 00	
28	Joseph T. Arnold	12 00	
28	Phebe Young	30 00	
		<hr/>	\$667 52

The Agent has paid out as follows :

1909.

Mar. 24	Discharge of Mortgage	\$ 25	
Feb. 9	Deposited Rhode Island Hospi- tal Trust Co.	400 00	
Mar. 1	Agent care of devise.....	75 00	
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NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1910.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal.
Joseph T. Arnold	Arthur L. Putnam		\$200 00
Preserved Alger	Russell H Baton	\$18 00	100 00
Emma J. Brown		22 13	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome	Wm. E. Balcome	3 64	125 00
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	3 35	150 00
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey	3 30	500 00
Frank Duval		8 02	125 00
Frank Duval		16 15	300 00
Joel Glover	Sarah Duff	2 30	200 00
David and Amos Lunn	David Lunn	10 33	500 00
Charles F. Rawson		21 30	200 00
Mary A. Reynolds		24 30	250 00
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	12 78	400 00
Susan V. Thayer		72 42	500 00
John Vallier	Agnes Gauvin	18 45	300 00
Phebe Young		35 75	500 00
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		\$272 22	\$4,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

1909.			
Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$206 12	
	Cash received during the year.	461 40	
		<hr/>	\$667 52
	Cash paid out during the year.	\$75 25	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	400 00	
	Cash in hands of Agent	192 27	
		<hr/>	\$667 52
1910.			
Mar. 1	Notes due the town	\$4,500 00	
	Accrued interest	272 22	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..		
	and interest to date	29,647 65	
	Cash in hands of Agent	192 27	
		<hr/>	\$34,612 14
	Value of Devise March 1, 1909		33,274 96
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	Net gain for the year		\$1,337 18

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

Report of Tax Collector

FOR 1909.

Douglas, Mass., March 1, 1910.

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1909 committed to me on the 12th day of July 1909 the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of \$19,893 33

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer in cash, discounts and abatements the sum of \$19,135 56

Balance	<u>\$757 77</u>
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I have collected on and since March 1, 1910	\$253 98
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Leaving balance uncollected to March 1, 1910	503 79
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Interest collected to March 1, 1910	16 62
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By vote of the town March 1902, the names of all delinquent tax payers are to be printed in the town report each year, and are as follows:

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS.

Mrs. Florence Ackort..	\$2 24	Chas. Plant	\$2 00
Wm. A. Brown.....	2 00	Arthur Poah.....	2 00
Heirs Daniel Buffum...	36 15	John Prepsak.....	2 00
James Blay.....	2 00	Phillip Revord.....	2 00
Alfred A. Casey	3 79	Peter Rogers.....	2 00
Joseph P. Casey.....	2 00	Heirs Mary Rogers..	1 87
Duty E. Caswell.....	50 00	F. Smith.....	8 75
Le Roy Converse	2 00	Lemuel Shellburg...	2 00
Adolph Duprey.....	2 00	Frank Smith, 2nd ..	2 00
Mrs. Joseph Dufo.....	3 00	Heirs W. W. Sherman..	4 87
John J. Dugan.....	2 00	Peter Thiverge.....	2 00
Alfred N. Dufo	2 00	Joseph Valcourt.....	2 00
Frank Eddy	2 00	Louis Vallier.....	2 00
Heirs Mrs. Syra Esten.	12 00	Smith Vickers	2 00
Sherman K. Foster....	7 70	Adelbert Ward.....	2 00
Ernest Gerard	3 50	Hugh Wylie	20 38
Wesley Gow	2 00	Mrs. Belle Turner,	
Mrs. Chas. Hilton.....	.75	guardian Geo. Kelley	34 95
Randolph Humes.....	2 00	Edgar S. Hill.....	6 00
Arthur Holbrook.....	2 00	Heirs M. Arnold	37 50
Whitmore Irving.....	3 13	E. F. Greenwood	1 13
Gustavus Johnson	2 83	Belle S. Brayton ..	1 13
John J. Kelly.....	2 00	Heirs W. H. Sheldon..	4 88
Albert Lindberg.....	2 00	O. Putnam.....	75
Tony Leach.....	2 00	Miss Etta Phillips....	12 75
Mary Laundry	6 75	J. Fred Humes.....	12 38
Wm. H. Lane.....	5 75	Est. S. J. Shaw	30 00
Henry A. Lambert	2 00	Henry Snay.....	4 50
Mary Murphy	7 50	Mrs. Sarah A. Sibley..	10 50
Alonzo Moore.....	2 00	R. H. Baton.....	3 98
Ambrose Nole, Jr.....	11 00	Mrs. Ruzzitte.....	8 98
John Pariseau	2 32	J. Seder	78 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

For Year 1909.

I sprayed the elm trees of the town carefully once during the months of May and June, and in July went over a few trees the second time. Apparently the spraying so effectually checked the elm-leaf beetle that most of the trees retained their leaves in a healthy condition until fall, and in all probability this year's spraying will give even better results.

SPRAYING.

W. E. Carpenter, 275 hours at 32½c, (horse)	\$89 32
Edmund Lindberg, 271 hours at 25c	67 75
Arthur Metcalf, 18 h. at 20c	3 60
Eugene Correll, 129 h. at 15c	19 35
Raymond Jones, 60 h. at 15c	9 00
Fare to Franklin	80
Team to Whitins	1 00
W. E. Jones, work on pump	55
Tape for mending hose	60
Balances, barrel, strainer and tongs	1 00
Assenate of lead, express and telephone expenses	23 60
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CR.	\$216 57
Private work on individual trees	50 79
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	\$165 78

PRUNING.

W. E. Carpenter, 39 hours at 25c	\$9 75
Edmund Lindberg, 34 h. at 25c	8 50
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	\$18 25

W. E. CARPENTER, *Tree Warden.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

In this department the prices for labor, per hour, are : Surveyors, 20c; 2 horses on cart, 20c; 1 horse on cart 12½c; 2 horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men 15c, boys 12½c; man driving scraper 17½c.

G. H. DUDLEY, District No. 1.

G. H. Dudley, 201 h	\$40 20	A. L. Chase, 10 h	\$1 50
Two horses and cart,		A. B. Simmons, 5 h	75
114 h	22 80	Melvin Hathaway, 195 h	29 32
Four horses on scraper		Herman " 40 h	6 00
40 h	24 00	F. Smith, 40 h	6 00
One horse on cart 10 h	1 25	John Dippiner, 215 h	32 33
Wm. H. Dudley, driver		John Diliny, 30 h	4 50
on scraper 40 h	7 00	John Daley, 5 h	75
Wm. H. Dudley, 43 h	6 45	Pastime P. Club, gravel	
Walter E. Putnam, 28 h	4 20	101 loads	5 05
W. H. Parker, 2 horses		Pastime P. Club, 33 h	4 95
on cart 15 h	3 00	Henry Clip, 13 h	1 95
C. L. Sleeper, bill	2 00	C. M. Chase, 60 h	9 00
Wm. Church, bill	1 00	Gifford Dudley, 3 h	45
Ernest Gerad, 10 h	1 50	Paul D. Manning, 10 h	1 50
Thomas Hutchins, 135 h	20 25	Paul D. Manning, 2 hor-	
Louis Titus, 20 h	3 00	ses on scraper 10 h	3 00
A. P. Dudley, 233 h	34 95	Arthur Putnam, gravel,	
H. Matherson, 20 h	3 00	5 loads	25
Charles Stevens, 50 h	7 50		
Albert Hutchins, 52 h	7 80		\$306 90
Peter Gallien, 60 h	9 00	W. R. Wallis, tools	5 16
Wm. Jillson, gravel, 14			
loads	70		\$312 06
		Snow roads	\$100 07

LAFAYETTE TAFT, District No. 3.

Lafayette Taft..... \$31 40

U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

U. I. Peters, 246 h	\$49 20	Snow Roads.	
U. I. Peters, 1 horse cart,		U. I. Peters, 74 h	\$14 80
130 h	16 25	C. Dudley, 77 h	11 55
C. Dudley, 215 h	32 25	H. A. Peters, 71 h	10 65
Roy Peters, 20 h	3 00	A. Roberts, 5 h	75
A. Roberts, 70 h	10 50	O. J. Peters, 5 h	75
C. Dudley, 1 horse cart,		Robert's man, 5 h	75
45 h	5 63	F. Casey, 13 h	1 95
H. A. Peters, 255 h	38 25	R. Casey, 7 h	1 05
H. A. Peters, holding		U. I. Peters team, 61 h	12 20
scraper, 10 h	2 00	G. Caravou, 6 h	90
H. N. Lougee, repairing		N. Boudoux, 11 h	1 65
chains and bars	95	J. " 11 h	1 65
U. I. Peters, team 110 h	22 00	P. " 11 h	1 65
H. Dudley, 10 h	1 50	F. Casey, 4 h	60
W. Putnam, driving			
scraper, 10 h	1 75		
G. Dudley, 4 horses on			\$60 90
scraper, 10 h	6 00		
	\$189 28		

O. F. CHASE, District No. 4.

Orlan F. Chase, 95 h	\$19 00	Alfred L. Parker, 46	
Elwin S. Chase, 25 h	3 75	loads gravel	\$2 30
Myron B. Chase, 85 h	12 75	Leon O. Chase, 70 h	8 75
Henry Chase, 65 h	9 75	John C. F. Bates, 15 h	2 25
" " horses on		Mrs. Mary A. Thayer, 21	
cart, 45 h	9 00	loads gravel	1 05
Edrastus Chase, 74 h	11 10	Sewell E. Chase, 19 h	2 85
" " horses on		Orlan F. Chase's horse,	
cart, 55 h	11 00	20 h	2 50
James B. Chase, 60 loads			
gravel,	3 00		\$114 85
A. E. Chapman, 32 h	4 80	Orlan F. Chase, 110 h	22 00
" " horses on		Leon O. Chase, 92 h	11 50
cart, 20 h	4 00	Myron B. Chase, 73 h	10 95
Alfred L. Parker, 20 h	3 00	Henry Chase, 110 h	16 50
" " horses		Edrastus Chase, 99 h	14 85
on cart, 20 h	4 00		

A. E. Chapman, 50 h	\$7 50
Orlan F. Chase, 1 bush scythe	75
Orlan F. Chase, 1 horse 110 h	13 75
Work by another survey- or	10 20
	<hr/> \$108 00

Making Snow Roads.

Orlan F. Chase, 21h	4 20
" " horses 21 h	4 20
Elwin S. Chase, 16 h	2 40
Leon O. Chase, 2 h	25
Myron B. Chase, 24 h	3 60
Henry Chase, 21½ h	3 23
H. T. Barton, 2 h	30
James B. Chase, 2 h	30
Fremont Arnold, 6 h	90
" " horses 6 h	1 20
Frank McLeon, 4 h	50
Hugh Wylie, 3½ h	52
A. E. Chapman, 18 h	2 70

A.E.Chapman horses 18h	3 10
Edrastus Chase, 6½ h	98
" " horses 3 h	60
	<hr/> \$28 98

Making Snow Roads Dist. No. 5

Orlan F. Chase, 9 h	\$1 80
" " horses 9 h	1 80
Elwin S. Chase, 4 h	60
A. E. Chapman, 14½ h	2 18
" " 1 horse 5½ h	69
A. E. Chapman, 2 horses 9 h	1 80
Fremont Arnold, 5 h	75
" " horses 5 h	1 00
James B. Chase, 9 h	1 35
H. T. Barton, 9 h	1 35
Willie Eldridge, 12 h	1 80
John C. F. Bates, 13 h	1 95
Henry Chase, 5 h	75
Henry Jarvis	21 16
	<hr/> \$38 98

F. J. KENYON, District No. 6.

F. J. Kenyon, 193 h	\$38 60
W. H. Thompson, 5 h	75
F. J. Kenyon, 2 horses 113 h	22 60
F. J. Kenyon, 1 horse 45 h	5 62
Roy Kenyon, 100 h	15 00
John Dolbeer, 40 h	6 00
George Snow, 50 h	6 25
Gordan Kenyon, 38 h	11 00
F. Kenyon, 3 horses on scraper 10 h	4 50
F. Kenyon, 2 horses on scraper 20 h	6 00
Fred Dupont, 2 horses on scraper 20 h	6 00
Fred Dupont, driving 4 horses 20 h	3 50

Ed. Jefferson, 20 h	3 00
Jarvis Adams, 70 h	10 50
W. R. Wallis, 2 spades 1 hoe 1 sledge handle	2 85
Thompson, 33 h	1 65
Charlie Maynard, 44 loads gravel	2 20
Caul Taft, 21 loads gravel	1 05
Mrs Burlingame, 100 ft. railing	1 00
Dan Dudley, sharpening 2 picks	20
	<hr/> \$148 27

Snow Roads		Jacob Yongsma, 5 h	\$ 75
F. J. Kenyon, 35 h	\$ 7 00	Fred Dupont, 7 h	1 05
F. J. Kenyon, 2 horses		Fred Dupont, 2 horses	
	20 h 4 00		7 h 1 40
Roy Kenyon, 26 h.	3 90	Elgne Sanuson, 7 h	1 05
Will Kenyon, 3 h	45	F. J. Kenyon, cutting out roads	
Gordan Kenyon, 18 h	2 70	F. J. Kenyon, 4 h	80
Jarvis Adams, 16 h	2 40	F. J. Kenyon, 1 horse 3 h	38
R. Bosma, 4 h	60		
John Bosma, 5 h	75		<hr/>
			\$27 23

W. E. CARPENTER, District No. 7.

W. E. Carpenter, 350 h	\$70 00	W. E. Carpenter, 2	
C. F. Rawson, 25 h	3 75	stringers	\$5 00
Horse and cart, 168 h	21 00	W. E. Carpenter, 9	
Edmund Lundberg, 253 h	37 95	stringers	5 40
Peter Augier, 5 h	75	W. R. Wallis, 454' chest-	
Chas. A. Carr, 7 h	1 05	nut plank and 50 lbs	
St. Andree, 70 h	10 50	spikes	10 75
Horse and cart, 52 h	6 50	H. N. Lougee, sharpen-	
Randolph Darling, 62 h	9 30	ing tools	1 00
Roberts, 10 h	1 50	St. Andree, 62 loads	
Gette, 37 h	5 55	gravel	3 10
Man, 15 h	2 25	Wallis, Supplies	1 10
Manchaug Co., 14 loads			<hr/>
gravel	70		\$198 30
W. E. Carpenter, 23		Snow roads and ice on	
loads gravel	1 15	trees	\$16 48

M. W. SOUTHWICK, District No. 8.

M. Southwick, 256 h	\$51 20	scraper, 20 h	6 00
E. Stowe, 165 h	24 75	F. Dupont, horses on	
H. Hindon, 150 h	22 50	scraper, 20 h	6 00
C. Stearns, 170 h	25 50	H. Halgey, driving on	
L. Arnold, 55 h	8 25	scraper, 20 h	3 50
W. Wright 30 h	4 50	C. Stearns, 7 loads gravel	35
D. Dudley, horses, 124 h	24 80	C. Manard. 15 loads gravel	75
M. Southwick, horse on			<hr/>
cart 99 h	12 38		\$196 78
J. Adams, 15 h	2 25	Snow roads, 1910, 29 h	5 80
F. Kenyon, 27 h	4 05	M. Southwick, 10 h	1 50
" " horses on			

D. Dudley, 10 h	\$ 2 00	F. Aldrich, 22 h	\$3 30
H. Hindon, 10 h	1 50	" " horses, 11 h	2 20
P. Pariso, 9 h	1 35	L. Buffum, 6 h	90
F. Pariso, 5 h	75		
L. Taft, 29½ h	4 42		<u>\$23 72</u>

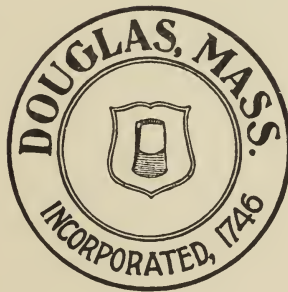
P. CONVERSE, District No. 9.

George Seymour, 10 h	1 50	Side Walk	
Veigin, 5 h	75	P. Converse, 60 h	\$12 00
E. Frank. 5 h	75	P. Converse, 2 horses	
Denis Morey, 10 h	1 50	35 h	7 00
C. Bennette and 2 horses		Frank Francis, 55 h	8 25
and cart 20 h	7 00	Jos. Sovlie, 20 h	3 00
Chendler King, 45 h	6 75	Victor Demery, 25 h	3 75
Joseph Sovlie, 20 h	3 00		
Patrick Demcody, 8 h	1 20		<u>\$34 00</u>
Fred Gokie, 30 h	4 50	Removing Snow	
Victor Demery, 90 h	13 50	P. Converse, 19 h	3 80
Lyman Arnold, 20 h	3 00	Randolph Darling, 3 h	45
Frank Francis, 90 h	13 50	Henry Wight, 4 h	60
Joe Francis, 88 h	13 20		
P. Converse, 185 h	37 00		<u>\$4 85</u>
P. Converse, 2 horses			
and cart 160 h	32 00		
P. Converse, 1 horse			
69½ h	8 65		
	<u>\$147 80</u>		

H. C. METCALF, District No. 10.

H. C. Metcalf, 90 h	\$18 00	A. H. Brown, 15 h	\$2 25
H. C. Metcalf, horse		C. Bennett and team 25 h	8 75
and cart 45 h	5 62	G. Dudley and team 40 h	14 00
F. Chappelle, 60 h	9 00		
A. Metcalf, 90 h	13 50		<u>\$74 87</u>
H. Hathaway, 25 h	3 75	Snow Roads	7 00

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1910.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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WILLIAM L. CHURCH,	" " " 1910
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PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

TRUANT OFFICER

A. B. SIMMONS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1909—10

FALL TERM

All schools opened September 7, 1909, and closed December 17.

WINTER TERM

High School opened December 27, 1909. Elementary schools opened January 3, 1910. All schools close March 18.

SPRING TERM RECOMMENDED

High school opens March 28, and closes June 24. Elementary schools open April 4 and close June 10.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

High school 40 weeks. Elementary schools 36 weeks.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 a. m. indicate "no school" for the morning session.

Three blasts of the whistle at 11.45 a. m. indicate "no school" for the afternoon session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for public schools including transportation of pupils	\$5,500 00
Books and supplies	400 00
For superintendent	360 00
For school Physician	50 00
For repair of school houses	300 00
Town school fund	56 48
State school fund	883 35
State, for high school "special"	500 00
State, for superintendent	500 00
For tuition	53 00
Balance unexpended last year	919 65
	\$9,522 48

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	\$4,686 00
Janitors	595 20
Superintendent	660 00
Transportation	378 00
Fuel	825 40
Books and supplies appropriation	\$400 00
State school fund	38 89
	\$438 89

Expended	\$438 89	
Repairs	281 00	
General expenses	192 32	
Typewriter	55 00	
School physician	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,161 81
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$1,360 67

LUCIUS J. MARSH.
EDWARD T. BUXTON,
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1910.

CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE

Resignations—Miss Miriam Harris, High school; Miss Marjorie Doherty, grades VII and VIII; Miss Oda Ware, grade I; Miss Belle Brown, Old Douglas; Miss Elinor M. Shaw, South Douglas; Miss Addie Sweet, Music Instructor.

Elections—Miss Aimee Currier, High school; Miss Lucile Blanchard, grades VII and VIII; Miss Elizabeth Poole, Grade I; Miss Gertrude Smith, Old Douglas; Miss Alma Quintal, South Douglas. Since the resignation of Miss Sweet we have had no special instructor in music, the work having been handled by the regular teachers.

The committee believe our superintendent and teachers have been conscientiously endeavoring to keep our schools in a progressive state. We have been especially pleased with the method and activity shown by them in taking up Manual Training. The girls in some of the grades have been making "individual" towels for use in the schools.

Our repairs for the year were somewhat heavier than usual. At East Douglas, in March, in each of the eight rooms, picture molding was added to make the finish of the rooms more complete. We were influenced to this improvement by the success of our teachers in their efforts to secure good pictures to add to the attractiveness of the rooms. The buildings at East Douglas and Old Douglas were given a coat of paint in the summer vacation. The inside walls of the West Douglas school were tinted and those at South Douglas were papered. Other minor repairs were made at East Douglas and Old Douglas.

In trying to supplement the aid of the State to our High school twenty recitation chairs were added to the equipment in September and in January a substantial bench for use in chemistry and physics was added. From the State School fund thirty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$38.89) was apportioned for chemistry and physics supplies. This with help from the books and supplies appropriation has equipped these courses fairly well. In September shorthand was taken up with the beginnings of a business course and recently a standard typewriter has been added.

Attention is called to the item "Grading at East Douglas (special)" in appropriations asked for. The committee believe it is time the grounds about the building at East Douglas should be finished off and made attractive.

The committee recommend that this coming year the East Douglas building be connected with the public water system, and drinking fountains be placed in the basements thereby doing away with the more or less "common drinking cup."

For the ensuing year the following appropriations are asked for :

Public schools including transportation . .	\$5,500 00	
Books and supplies.....	400 00	
Repairs.....	300 00	
Grading at East Douglas (special)	300 00	
School physician.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,910 00

Respectfully,

LUCIUS J. MARSH,	}	<i>Superintending Committee</i>
EDWARD T. BUXTON,		
GILBERT W. ROWLEY,		

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN:—I submit to you here my second annual report as superintendent of your schools.

STATISTICS

The total enrolment of the schools for the year ending June 18, 1909 was 391, six more than the preceding year. Ten years ago the total membership was 227. These figures show that during the last decade the enrolment has increased over 72 per cent.

The average membership for the year closing last June was 323, 21 more than for the preceding year. The per cent. of attendance, however, was but 91.01, apparently 1 per cent. less than for the preceding year. The decrease cannot be traced to the weather for this was not severe during the winter of 1908-1909, nor to a poor state of health, for there was no more sickness than usual, if indeed as much, but rather to a strict inforcement for the first time of the rule of the Sec'ty of the State Board of Education to the effect that before taking a child's name from the register ten full days of absence shall be recorded against him, even though he be sick and not likely to return for a long time, and

that a child enrolled at the close of the fall or winter term shall be marked absent until he comes to school, or until it be positively known that he will not return.

The number of tardinesses per pupil for the periods being compared decreased from 2.14 to 1.9.

The general statistics relative to the schools as well as the standing of the several schools in the matters of attendance and punctuality may be seen by reference to the tables at the close of this report.

ATTENDANCE.

The standing of the schools in the matter of attendance is low in comparison with that in most other towns where the per cents. run from 93 to 96. To have on an average one-tenth of the children out of school all the time plainly indicates that some of the parents are either ignorantly or wilfully failing to comply with the state laws relative to school attendance, and that in such cases the laws, for which adequate penalties are provided are not being enforced by the authorities. The gist of those laws is as follows: every child between the ages of seven and fourteen years shall attend school every session, and if absent for ten half days within any period of six months without being excused by the superintendent or by the authority of the superintendent, the parent or guardian shall be liable to a fine of \$20.

In view of the number of unnecessary absences that we are having, 727 from Sept. 7 to Dec. 17, 1909, it seems desirable both for the sake of the children whose work in class is hindered by the absence of others, as well as for the sake of those who are kept at home, to enter upon a more strict enforcement of the school laws. Laxity or unnecessary leniency in one instance begets it in another instance until conditions become such as to be far from creditable to the authorities.

EYE AND EAR TESTS

The annual eye and ear test required by law to be made by the teachers were given in the fall with the following results:

Number of pupils enrolled	337
“ “ “ defective in eyesight	51
“ “ “ “ hearing	14
“ “ parents or guardians notified	55

MEDICAL INSPECTION

As yet, however, no provision has been made for the medical inspection of the children of the public schools as required by Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906, from which the following is an extract :

SECTION 5.—The school committee of every city and town shall cause every child in the public schools to be separately and carefully examined and tested at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. The tests of sight and hearing shall be made by teachers. The committee shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and shall require a physical record of each child to be kept in such form as the State Board of Education shall prescribe

This section has been interpreted by the Secretary of the State Board of Education and by all the towns of which I have knowledge, to mean that a physician shall “carefully and separately” examine each child to find out as fully as possible his physical condition and to report that condition if found defective to the teacher and to the parent or guardian that the child’s best interests, physically and mentally may be considered. It is to be hoped that means may be found to enable the town to comply with the law, failure to do which makes it liable to forfeit the financial assistance now received from the state.

COURSE OF STUDY

During a part of last summer the superintendent prepared carefully and in detail courses of study in Language and Grammar and in Arithmetic, and they have since been distributed to the teachers. These courses it is believed correspond closely with those now in use in our most progressive towns and cities. They require that somewhat more work be done than was formerly the case, and that the essentials of the work be taught during the first two terms of the year with the object of providing for an adequate review and of making it easier for the bright pupil who is willing to work to secure an extra promotion during the year. It is the purpose to revise and bring up to date the remaining of the course of study so soon as time shall permit.

MANUAL TRAINING

An examination of the school reports of the town for the last decade show that Manual Training has been persistently recommended and advised. Last fall, however it was decided to do something definite in the matter and so the superintendent and the teachers met together and outlined a plan of work. That plan included raphia and cardboard construction for the lower grades, reed and raphia work for the higher grades, sewing for the girls of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8, and pierced brass work for the pupils of the High school. This plan as outlined was energetically and successfully carried out, particularly that part of it relating to sewing, and the articles made were exhibited and offered for sale at an entertainment and fair held the Thursday before the close of school last December. As a result of the generous contribution and patronage of parents and friends the schools netted the neat sum of \$88.42. A part of this money was used to pay the bills incurred in the manual training work already done. The remainder of it is to be used to continue the work another year and to provide manual training benches and tools for more advanced work for the Grammar grades and High school another year. This introduction of the new work puts the schools

upon a more up-to-date basis, adds to the child's interest in school life, develops taste and skill, and at least as far as it relates to sewing and wood working, gives instruction and training which it is very probable the pupils will put to use to a greater or less extent later.

HIGH SCHOOL

The course of study for the High School as printed in the report of last year remains unchanged with the exception of the introduction of a course in Stenography. The system used is the Ben Pitman, the same as is in use at the Salem Normal School for the preparation of stenography teachers and the same as is in use in the great majority of the best high schools and commercial colleges. The addition of stenography to the course of study together with practice in typewriting soon to be made possible by the purchase of a machine, puts the school so far as opportunities offered to the pupils are concerned on a very satisfactory basis when one considers the size of the school and the size of the town.

While in general it is believed that the High School is doing acceptable work in all lines, conditions considered, and particularly good work in Physics and Mathematics, it still continues to be true, however, that the work of the school is handicapped by the lack of maturity and preparation on the part of a number of the pupils in the first and second years. Still higher standards of admission are therefore desirable, and I accordingly venture to recommend that the 9th grade be restored to the elementary course until such time as the work of the schools as a whole can be raised to a higher degree of efficiency, meanwhile allowing pupils of sufficient maturity and ability to pass directly to the High school from grade eight. Unless this arrangement is made, very many of the present seventh and eighth grade pupils will find it difficult to do the work of the High school in a very satisfactory manner.

One other condition at the High school also needs improvement, and that is the matter of punctuality. During the past year there was an average of 6 tardinesses per pupil or three times as many per pupil as in the schools of the town taken as a whole. It would almost seem as if the boys and girls so soon as they attained to the dignity of High school membership, lost the sense and obligation to be prompt and regular in attendance.

RURAL SCHOOLS

The attention of the committee was called last year to the desirability of consolidating the small rural schools at South Douglas and West Douglas with the relatively large school at the Center into a simple graded system in the belief that much better work could be accomplished if this were done. While with respect to West Douglas where the number of pupils has increased and the quality of work improved, the need at present is not so great as it was, conditions at So. Douglas make such a change even more desirable than formally, for the number of pupils is now reduced to but 14, and it seems to be practically impossible to get from the children as good work as is done by the other pupils in the town. To transport these children during the fall and spring terms to the Center School where there are sufficient seats to accommodate them, and to provide at that school an assistant to do the work with the lower grades, seems to be a plan that has much to commend itself to your attention, for its adoption would practically mean the establishment of a two-teacher school with a grammar and primary department at an expense of but little if any more than it now costs to run the two schools separately. So far as I have been able to learn by talking with the parents there is but little objection on the part of the people at So. Douglas to giving the plan a trial, particularly if a school be opened at So. Douglas during the winter months, and it seems to be unanimously desired by the people at the Center, offering as it does much better educational opportunities for the children there. The careful consideration of this plan as outlined, and if possible a trial of it for a few months is earnestly recommended.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report it is a pleasure to bear witness again to the continued generous and friendly cooperation of the public, of the committee, and of the teachers in our common effort to make the schools more and more valuable to the pupils and more and more a source of pride and satisfaction to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN S. COBB,

Superintendent of Schools.

East Douglas, Mass., Feb. 3, 1910

Table A. Douglas School Statistics, 1908—1909

SCHOOL	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Salary per week paid	Number of weeks taught	Length of time, mo's, days	Enrolment										Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Tardinesses	Dismissals	Number of Visitors
						Under 5 years, Boys	Under 5 years, Girls	5-15 years, Boys	5-15 years, Girls	Over 15 years, Boys	Over 15 years, Girls	Total No. of Boys	Total No. of Girls	7-14 years, Boys	7-14 years, Girls							
High.....	C. E. Disney, Prin.	Clark University	\$20.00	40	10	0	0	7	7	7	15	14	22	3	3	37	30.9	28.4	91.90	201	4	145
"	Miss M. L. Doherty	Tufts College	10.00	15																		
"	Miss M. H. Harris	Boston University	10.00	25																		
E. Doug. Gr. VII-VIII	Miss Ida L. Rollins	Brown University	10.00	15	9	0	0	19	24	2	0	21	24	18	20	45	39.6	36.1	91.36	30	138	80
" " " "	Miss M. E. Doherty	Lowell Normal	11.50	21																		
E. Doug. Gr. V-VI..	E. L. Buffington	Douglas High	11.00	36	9	0	0	22	16	2	0	24	16	22	15	43	36.5	33.9	93.01	59	12	182
E. Doug. Gr. IV-V..	Miss M. E. Doherty	Lowell Normal	10.50	15																		
" " " "	Miss Mary Waldow	Framingham Nor.	10.00	21	9	0	0	21	15	0	0	21	15	21	15	39	35.5	32.6	92.00	52	64	14
E. Doug. Gr. III-IV.	Miss E. M. Abbott	Douglas High	11.00	36	9	0	0	25	17	0	0	25	17	25	17	44	40	36.9	92.12	40	225	46
E. Doug. Gr. I-II ..	Miss E. H. Johnson	Douglas High	11.00	36	9	0	0	21	25	0	0	21	25	14	19	49	42.8	39.2	91.61	30	15	142
E. Doug. Gr. I	Miss Oda C. Ware	Perry Kindergarten	10.00	36	9	0	0	22	32	1	0	23	32	7	11	59	41.9	36.6	87.05	83	39	67
Center, Mixed	Miss M. B. Brown	Framming'n. Me. Nor.	10.00	36	9	0	0	22	13	0	0	22	13	15	10	35	26.7	24.4	91.47	43	27	38
So. Douglas, Mixed..	Miss M. L. Cromb	Framming'n Nor.	10.00	16	8-10	0	1	7	9	2	0	9	10	6	6	21	16.2	14	86.68	96	37	28
" " " "	Miss E. M. Shaw	Thayer Academy	10.00	19																		
W. Douglas, Mixed..	Miss M. H. Kelly	Douglas High	7.50	36	9	0	1	8	10	0	0	8	11	7	8	19	13.6	12.5	91.91	2	0	32
				403	90-10	0	21	174	168	14	15	188	185	138	124	391	323.7	924.6	91.01	636	561	774

Table B. Ranks of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality.
1908—1909.

ATTENDANCE			PUNCTUALITY		
RANK	SCHOOL	PER CENT.	RANK	SCHOOL	AVERAGE TARDINESS
1	E. Douglas, Grades V-VI..	93.01	1	West Douglas01
2	E. Douglas, Grades III-IV..	92.12	2	E. Douglas, Grades I-II.....	.70
3	E. Douglas, Grades IV-V....	92.	3	E. Douglas, Grades VII-VIII75
4	West Douglas.....	91.91	4	E. Douglas, Grades III-IV	1.00
5	E. Douglas High.....	91.90	5	E. Douglas, Grades IV-V	1.46
6	E. Douglas, Grades I-II	91.67	6	Douglas Center	1.56
7	Douglas Center.....	91.47	7	E. Douglas, Grades V-VI.....	1.61
8	E. Douglas Grammar, VII-VIII.....	91.36	8	E. Douglas, Grade I	1.98
9	E. Douglas, Grade I.....	87.05	9	South Douglas.....	5.99
10	South Douglas.....	86.68	10	E. Douglas High	6.50
	Average	91.01		Average.....	1.96

Report of HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. E. S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The Douglas High School is now, I am confident, on a solid foundation and should do in the future, not merely good, but even better work, as the habits of study and application become fixed.

Generous additions of books and apparatus have supplied us with most of the necessary tools for doing our work, but we should not rest here. For example, the school should not rely wholly upon the Public Library to supply reference books which are of interest to pupils chiefly.

The Class of 1909 established the custom, which will be followed, of leaving with the school a class gift. The High School rooms will thus gradually be made attractive.

Some means should be found to keep the school building free from dust. A vacuum cleaner, with electricity for power, may be

deemed impracticable at the present time, but oil brushes are both cheap and effective.

In conclusion I would thank the Board, the Superintendent, and my fellow teachers for having helped to make this year a pleasant one. I am,

Very Respectfully yours,

CHAS. E. DISNEY.

Principal of High School.

February 2, 1910.

